

would provide spending in excess of the subcommittee's 302(b) allocation was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S11806–07**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, October 27, 2005. **Pages S11814–15**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m. on Wednesday, October 26, 2005. **Pages S11850–51**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12938 with respect to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–28) **Page S11819**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Aida M. Delgado-Colon, of Puerto Rico, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico.

8 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army. **Page S11851**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total–268) **Pages S11785, S11793**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:53 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, October 26, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11851.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

OIL AND GAS ACTIVITIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine oil and gas activities by the Bureau of Land Management including impact of recently passed energy legislation, after receiving testimony from Kathleen Clarke, Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Logan Magruder, Independent Petroleum Association of Mountain States, Denver, Colorado; and Paul N. Cicio, Industrial Energy Consumers of America, and Ford B. West, The Fertilizer Institute, both of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of John J. Young, Jr., of Virginia, to be Director of Defense Research and Engineering, Department of Defense, who was introduced by Senator Stevens and Representative Don Young, Dorrance Smith, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs, Delores M. Etter, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition, General Burwell B. Bell, III, USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command, and Commander, United States Forces Korea, and Lieutenant General Lance L. Smith, USAF, for appointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United States Joint Forces Command and Supreme Allied Commander Transformation, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Matthew Slaughter, of New Hampshire, and Katherine Baicker, of New Hampshire, each to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, Orlando J. Cabrera, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, who was introduced by Senator Martinez, and Gigi Hyland, of Virginia, who was introduced by Senator Warner, and Rodney E. Hood, of North Carolina, who was introduced by Senators Dole and Burr, each to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

TERRITORIES RELATED LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1829, to repeal certain sections of the Act of May 26, 1936, pertaining to the Virgin Islands, S. 1830, to amend the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003, and S. 1831, to convey certain submerged land to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, after receiving testimony from Virgin Islands Delegate Christensen; and Nikolao I. Pula, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular Affairs.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of James S. Halpern, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, Karan K. Bhatia, of Maryland, to be Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the Rank of Ambassador, Susan C. Schwab, of Maryland, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, Franklin L. Lavin, of Ohio, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, and Clay Lowery, of Virginia, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Also, Committee completed its review of certain spending reductions and revenue increases to meet reconciliation expenditures as imposed by H. Con. Res. 95, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006, revising appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2005, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 through 2010, and agreed on recommendations which it will make to the Committee on the Budget thereon.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Ellen R. Sauerbrey, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Population, Refugees, and Migration, Jeffrey Thomas Bergner, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs, and Anne W. Patterson, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

Agreement between the United States of America and the Government of Canada on Pacific Hake/Whiting (Treaty Doc. 108–24);

The Convention on the Conservation and Management of the Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (Treaty Doc. 109–1); and

The nominations of C. Boyden Gray, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Representative to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, Jennifer L. Dorn, of Nebraska, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, David B. Dunn, of California, to be Ambassador to the Togolese Republic, Carmen Maria Martinez, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zambia, Michael R. Arietti, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Rwanda, David M. Hale, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Benson K. Whitney, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to Norway, Susan Rasinski McCaw, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria, Nicholas F. Taubman, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Romania, Anne W. Patterson, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, and a Foreign Service Officer promotion list received in the Senate on July 14, 2005.

FEDERAL SPENDING PRIORITIES

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine setting priorities in Federal spending in the context of natural disaster, deficits and war, focusing on long-term budget challenges, and a plan to restore fiscal discipline, after receiving testimony from Representative Shadegg; former Representative Stenholm; and Roger Pilon, Cato Institute Center for Constitutional Studies, and Daniel J. Mitchell, The Heritage Foundation, both of Washington, DC.